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COTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL - THE REGULAR neeting of Evangelist Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 1, will be held TUESDAY EVENING, the 14th instant, at 7.30 o'clock. Business general. Je13-2t GEO. H. WALKER, 33d deg., Sec. I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY debts contracted in my name without my writ-ten authority after June 13, 1858. JOHN H. CLARKE, Brookland, D. C. je13-3t* No Tice.—H. K. Fullton's Loan Office. 1218 Penna. ave.—On and after Wednesday, June 15, this office will be closed at 5 p.m. On Satur-days at 8 p.m. je13-31*

days at 8 p.m. je13-3t*

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR OF THE DISTRICT of Columbia, June 13, 1898.—Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners have caused to be prepared blank schedules of personal property subject to taxation, as required by section 10 of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1877, imposing a tax on personal property in the District of Columbia, and that a copy of said schedule will be delivered to any citizen applying therefor at the office of the undersigned. The law provides that said schedules thall be filled up, sworn to and returned to the assessor within forty-five days after this notice. MATTHEW TRIMBLE, Assessor, District of Columbia.

COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 12 The regular quarterly dividend (No. 12) of 1% per tent on the COMMON CAPITAL STOCK of the American Graphophene Company will be paid JUNE FIFTEENTH, 1898, to stockholders of record June 1. By order of the directors.

E. D. EASTON, President.

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OF JUNE, 1898, will expire all licenses given by
the District of Columbia to the proprietors of
Hacks, Cabs, Omnibuses, and all other vehicles
for the transportation of passengers for hire;
also Street Cars drawn by horse power. Proprietors of the above described vehicles who desire to continu- business are required to promptly
renew their licenses. By order of the Commissloners, D. C. MATTHEW TRIMBLE, Assessor,
D. C. MATTHEW TRIMBLE, Assessor,
Eli-6t.

I HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH ME DR. E. S. Smith at 3105 M st. n.w., where we will continue the practice of dentistry in all its branches, making a specialty of crown and bridge work.

I have associated myself with Dr. Thos. J. Jones at 3105 M st. n.w., where I will be pleased to see my friends.

Dr. E. S. SMITH.

office of the board of equalization and Review, Washington, D.C., June 9, 1888.—
In accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the act of August 14, 1894, a list will be completed by JULY FIRST, 1898, of all real property which shall have become subject to taxation and which is not now on the tax list, and a value of fixed thereon according to the rules prescribed for assessing real estate. This list will include all new structures and additions to or improvements of old structures of over \$500 in value which have not been heretofore assessed. This office should be notified as to removal or destruction of any structure since the last assessment, in order that the same may be deducted from the valuation as it now stands on the tax list. Complaints as to said assessmens can only be heard and determited between the FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF JULY, 1898. MATTHEW TRIMBLE, Chairman.

BOCK CREEK PARK COMMISSION—ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS. City of Washington, D. C., June 8, 1898—TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to give notice that the commission to select the land for Rock Creek Park, acting by authority of an act of Congress, entitled. An act authorizing the establishment of a public park in the District of Columbia, said act approved September 27, 1899, have ascertained the cost of the land taxen for and now constituting the said Rock Creek Park, including the expenses of acquiring said land. Further, this is to give notice that the said commission, acting under said authority, will, on THURSDAY, the (wenty-third (25d) cay of June 8, 1898, at two (2) o'clock p.m., in Room No. 53, on the fifth floor of the District building, sometimes cariled the Commissioners' office, in said city, hold an adjourned neeting for the park of the commissioners' office, in said city, hold an adjourned neeting of the commissioners' office, in said city, hold an adjourned neeting of the commissioners' office.

on Thursday, the twenty-third 23d cay of June, A.D., 1898, at two (2) o'clock p.m., in Room No. 53, on the fifth floor of the District building, sometimes cailed the Commissioners' office, in said city, hold an adjourned neeting for the purpose of assessing such portion of such cost and expenses upon the lands, lots and blocks, being real estate, situated in the said District of Columbia, specially benefited by reason of the location and improvement of said Rock Creek Park, as nearly as may be in proportion of the benefits resulting to said real estate, and if the said commission shall find that the real estate in said District directly benefited by reason of the location of said Rock Creek Park is not benefited to the full extent of said cost and expenses, then they will assess each tract or parcel of land specially benefited as aforesaid in said District to the extent of such tenefits as they shall deem the said real estate specially benefited by reason of the location and improvement of said Rock Creek Park. In making the said assessment the real estate benefited as aforesaid will be assessed by the description thereof which appeared on record in the said District on the 5th day of January, A.D. 1895, the date of the first meeting of this commission, for the purpose of assessment as aforesaid. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place aforesaid of the adjourned meeting of said commission for the said purpose, and the said persons are hereby notified to so appear if they or any of them desire to be heard in the premises. It is the purpose of the commission to then and there hear testimony as to the extent of surrounding land affected beneficially by the location and impovement of Rock Creek Park. JOHN M. WILSON, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army; LAN-SING H. BEACH, Engineer Commissioner, D. C.; H.V. BOYNYON, S. P. LANGLEY, R. ROSS PERRY, Commission to select the land for Rock Creek Park.

PERSONS WHO CAN ACCOMMODATE DELE-gates to the National Educational Association, which meets in Washington July 7 to 12, will-please register without delay at the headquarters of the public comfort committee, board of trade rooms, 1410 G st. n.w., where special blanks call-ing for desired information may be obtained, je8-lw

Princeton University.

Examinations for admission will be held in Washington at the Civil Service Rooms on June 16 and 17, beginning at 10 a.m. on the 16th. In- Of quiries may be addressed to Mr. VICTOR KAUFFMANN, Evening Star office. F. L. PATTON, Je4-10t

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Liverpool Feels Effect of the Collapse of Leiter's Deal.

The Noted Young Speculator Discusses His Present Status.

P. D. ARMOUR'S VIEWS

LONDON, June 14.-The collapse of the Leiter wheat corner has caused a panic in the Liverpool market, the heaviest movement recorded in wheat since the excitement began on the corner. In London the news of the collapse was received with equanimity. The consensus of opinion of a number of operators on Mark lane is that this vessel. the English markets will gain steadiness now that "the plunger operating without regard to market precedence is shaken out.

It is asserted on Mark lane that the collapse was due to Messrs. Armour and Pillsbury.

The newspapers generally rejoice at the breakdown of the "Leiter plans and point to it as a moral."

The Star says: "If the prime mover in this war against mankind is beggared by his greed the retribution is well merited. Nothing can atone for the awful suffering Leiter and his accomplices have caused."

Leiter Makes a Statement.

CHICAGO, June 14.—Joseph Leiter, speaking of the collapse of his wheat deal, says:

"It is a case where the tail has begun to wag the dog. This statement has its illustration in the fact that futures began breaking faster than cash wheat declined. Logically the condition should have been coaling that the results of the speaking faster where the tail has begun to wag the dog. This statement has its illustration in the fact that futures began breaking faster than cash wheat declined. Logically the condition should have been calling until all was on board, and in concaling the point, the Para river. The crew having point, the Para ri Logically the condition should have been exactly the reverse. For several days—in fact, I may say for some weeks—cash wheat has been a slow sale, especially in the northwest and around milling centers generally. To a certain extent this has been offset by a fair degree of activity at the seabcard in response to an inquiry from the other side, but the local markets have been decidedly inclined to drag. There has been decidedly inclined to drag. There has been a steady marketing of cash wheat, but I cannot say as to the quantities in which it has gone into home consumption or abroad for foreign use.
"I see no objection to stating that all of

my holdings of futures have been disposed of. A good deal of gessip has come to me on the general subject of alleged treacherous conduct on the part of the northwest-ern grain interests, which I have always heretofore considered friendly to me in a personal and business way, but I have nothing whatever to say on this subject. If in the history of the deal there have been events to which the public is entitled it is more than likely the facts will come out in good time, but of the public of the continuous lines but of the continuous lines lines but of the continuous lines but of the continuous lines lin out in good time, but not from me. I have no complaints to make or charges to prefer against those with whom I have been doing business. It is a source of considerable satisfaction to me that my affairs, for the moment more or less tangled, are in a fair way of settlement without the interven-tion of a trustee or without invoking the machinery of the court, as would be neces sary in the case of an assignment.

Arrangements for Settlement.

"The Chicago trade will all be taken care of-in fact, I may say it has aiready been protected, for I am even on the market so far as September contracts are concerned. The cash wheat business will be transacted through Alexander Geddes for the benefit of the banks, which have an interest in it, and which will act in concert. June wheat representing the cash wheat in this market will be carried by Armor & Com-pany. The treatment I have received at the hands of Mr. Armor is in the highest

"Nothing could have exceeded Mr. Armour's generosity in his offers of financial help, which were to an extent covering any possible requirement on my part. It is par-ticularly gratifying to be the recipient of this kind of treatment at this particular time, establishing, as it does, the fact that the business and personal relations between Mr. Armour and myself are not as strained as they have been represented to be.

P. D. Armour Talks.

Mr. P. D. Armour, himself one of the central figures in the Leiter deal which has been going on for many months, did not take a particularly gloomy view of the situation. He said:

'Most of the wheat with the banks is margined at 80 cents a bushel. I confidently believe the market will react, possibly before the end of the week. Wheat has got down to a point where it is worth the money, regardless of speculation. The ar-rangement which I understand has been perfected provides for the protection of all parties in interest. Mr. Leiter's cash wheat in all positions between the northwest and Europe ought to be so handled that the

banks will not have to take a loss.
"In one sense, there is not much local end to the story. The local stock of wheat is small, and in relieving Mr. Leiter of his June and local cash wheat we took only 240 000 bushels. I do not believe any of the local people who have acted for Mr. Leiter will be hurt, and the feeling in the trade seems to be most kindly toward him. When offered to help him in any way we could. I regret that the deal has turned out has, but I believe that the worst of it is known, and that the market will promptly

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued, as

follows: White-John Fratantuno and Marie Masino, both of this city; Andrew Nelson and Rebecca Van, both of this city; Henry R. Hatfield of Evanston, Ill., and Ethel R Glover of this city; John N. Auth and Bertha Hemmer, both of this city; John T. Devine and M. Virginia Rossillo, both of this city; John D. Jenkins of Prince George's county, Md., and Fannie L. Bogue of this city; Carroll E. Wilson and Sarah J. Myer, both of this city; W. J. Kearney of Old Point Comfort, Va., and Mo!lie Downey of this city: Edwin B. Olmstead of Arcade. N. Y., and M. Elizabeth Gapen of this city: W. J. Bodell of Fortress Monree, Va., and Julia Pinckney Janney of this city; Charles L. Gulick of Bridgepert, Conn., and Florence Rosalie Wilson of this city; Willis H. Cameron and Hannah this city; Willis H. Cameron and Hannan M. O'Keefe, both of this city; Phillip J. Doherty of Boston, Mass., and Lillian E. Cook of this city. Colored-W. H. White and Elizabeth

Postal Laws and Regulations. The Post Office Department is arranging to have printed a revised edition of the postal laws and regulations. It was in 1893 when the department last revised the laws, and, in view of the apparent necessity for and regulations, a new edition has been

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MARKET IN A PANIC MARIETTA'S GREAT PERFORMANCE. ENVELOPE CONTRACT Capt. Symonds Praises the Zeal of

Officers and Crew.

In the general admiration excited by the splendid perform nce of the big battle ship Oregon in running from San Francisco clear around South America to join Sampson before Santiago, the equally meritoricus run of the little gunboat Marietta over most of the same course has been lost sight LITTLE SYMPATHY AT HIS LOSS of Like the Oregon, the Marietta is a product of a Pacific coast shippard, and the high character of the work done in constructing this ship is shown by the captain's statement that the little boat made this long 12,000-mile voyage without stop ping for repairs. Considering the great disparity in the size of the Oregon and the Marietta, the performance of the latter is certainly quite as remarkable as that of the Oregon, even though the time made was not so good.

The formal report of Captain Symonds, who commanded the ship, has just been made public by the Navy Department. It reads as follows:

U. S. S. MARIETTA. U. S. S. MARIETTA.

Key West, Fla., June 6, 1898.

Referring to the recent trip of this vessel from San Jose, Guatemala, to this port, it gives me pleasure to report as to the satisfactory performance of her engines and boliers as also 'he other departments of Upon no occasion were we obliged to stop

for even slight repairs, and when er route from Punta Arenas to Rio de Janiero, acrrcm Punta Arenas to Rio de Janiero, accompanied by the Oregon, no difficulty was experienced in maintaining the full contract horsepower of the engines.

Upon arrival here after the run from San Jose, Guatemala, about twelve thousend (12,000) miles, had the immediate services of the vessel desired she could have proceeded to sea at once after conling.

ceeded to sea at once after coaling.

This general condition of the vessel is due in a great measure to the zeal of the officers and crew consequent upon the demands of war.

The cheerfulness and efforts of all to prevent any unnecessary delay in our arrival at this place is deserving mention, and was most forcibly illustrated at our last coaling

time, seized wheelbarrows and assisted in ccalling until all was on board, and in con-sequence I was enabled to get to sea that Gay. Respectfully, (Signed). F. M. SYMONDS, ned) F. M. SYMONDS, Commander, U.S.N., Commanding.

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE.

Appeal to the President in Behalf of Wm. Strather.

An application for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment made by Murderer William M. Strather to the President was today forwarded to District Attorney Davis and Justice Bradley by the Attorney General of the United States. It bases its plea for executive elemency upon the statement that the verdict of the jury should have been for manslaughter and not murder, and that the act was

committed while Strather was intoxicated and enraged. Justice Bradley refused to make any recommendation, and Mr. Davis recommended that the application be denied. The probability is that Strather will be hanged at the time set. Nothing has come to the district attorney from the attorneys for the murderer Edward Smith, and it is not likely that any further effort will be

double gallows and all the instruments of execution at the jail are in readi-ness for the double execution on Thursday next. Strather was sentenced to be hang-May 5 last and Smith May 12 last, but both were reprieved till June 16 by the President in order that the Court of Ap-peals might render its decision, which it did a week are

peals might render its decision, which it did a week ago.

The lower court's decision having been affirmed no other hope but executive clemercy lay before the men. Strather is alive to his fate and is making a strong effort to escape the gallows, but Smith is sullen and apparently indifferent. If both are hanged together this week it will be the first double hanging since 1886, when Louis Scherfield, a Pole, who killed his wife and son-in-law, and Richard Lee, alias Dick Sparrow, a wife murderer, were jointly strangled to death. Only once before in the history of the District has there been the history of the District has there been high; the next the Furcell company soared to death. such an execution, and that was when "Ed." Qusenan and "Babe" Bedford were together hanged for the murder of Philip Hurst on P street northwest.

REGIMENT OF IMMINES.

Col. Pettit's Command Rapidly Acquiring Full Quota.

The 4th United States Volunteers, the regiment of immunes commanded by Col. Pettit, is rapidly approaching its full quota, and before another week passes it is confidently believed the ranks will be completed and the entire organization be in camp at Fredericksburg. The 1st Battalion of the regiment comprises four companies from the District of Columbia, which have been fully equipped and uniformed.

Company F left Washington this morning at 10:57 o'clock for Fredericksburg. Its roster is as follows: Lieuts. Anthony Holmead and James G.

Kean; First Sergt. George West Byron, Quartermaster Sergt. Fred W. Alexander, Quartermaster Sergt, Fred W. Alexander, Sergts. Charles O. Paxson and James E. Loveless, and Privates Ed. Anderson, J. W. Abell, George R. Arrington, John Boehling, R. W. Bosley, W. V. Brown, W. H. Buller, H. S. Byers, H. A. Brown, W. H. Chapman, S. H. Cockrille, H. Cornwell, T. E. Cook, R. T. Cissell, J. H. De Shield, C. B. Dorman, J. Dougherty, M. T. Douty, J. P. Duffy, C. H. Fisher, E. L. Ford, A. E. Furbershaw, G. B. Good, James Hartigap, C. Duffy, C. H. Fisher, E. L. Ford, A. E. Furbershaw, G. B. Good, James Hartigan, C. Hoffman, J. P. Hunter, T. Harmon, J. M. Jarboe, F. A. King, P. J. Keleher, H. Knode, J. T. Littleford, E. J. Moss, O. W. Matthews, P. Moser, P. E. Mieville, J. W. Moore, N. H. Mitchell, J. T. McCauley, F. S. Miller, N. H. Miller, C. M. McQueen, W. McGinn, M. P. McDonald, M. J. McDermott, H. R. Massey, F. McDonald, J. F. O'Connor, J. H. O'Neill, J. K. O'Hare, H. Ohm, G. L. Palmer, C. D. Paxson, J. R. Quaid, H. A. Robinson, William Robinson, N. S. Reid, W. Ryan, J. Rudden, J. Rich-N. S. Reid, W. Ryan, J. Rudden, J. Richter, T. H. Redman, S. F. Scott, J. R. Scott, J. Salkeld, G. P. Smith, H. A. Shaw, W. J. Saikeid, G. P. Smith, H. A. Shaw, W. D. Stevenson, H. B. Sweeney, H. B. Simmonds, J. Stief, W. E. Tyler, G. N. Thomas, H. Taylor, J. J. Verser, Alexander Walker, W. A. Weaver, E. Woaler, H. Winingder, W. Williams, A. J. Wilhams, D. Wilhams, H. Wolf, C. D. Wise and S. Young

Company E of the 4th United States Regiment of Volunteers passed through the city yesterday on their way to Fredericksburg, Va., under the command of Capt. W. H. Monroe, First Lieut. H. M. Patton and Second Lieut. J. T. Thayer. The company numbered 86 men, and were as hardy a set of men as could be found anywhere in the country, having been previously inured to hardship as miners, railroad work-ers and farmers. They will secure their uniforms and arms at Fredericksburg. Most of them are yellow fever immunes, and not a man of them, said Lieut. Patton, is

a man of them, said Lieut. Patton, is afraid of that disease, or anything else. The command took dinner here.
Company F, which was organized at Wheeling, W. Va., under Capt. A. A. Franzheim and Lieuts. Husemon and Carskadon, will be mustered in at Wheeling this afternoon by Capt. Goodwin, U. S. A., the mustering officer. The company will the mustering officer. The company will probably leave that city for Fredericksburg tomorrow, but this, it is understood, will depend upon whether or not the quota is

The Winnipeg Exposition. In a report to the State Department, United States Consul Graham at Winnipeg says that the Winnipeg Industrial Exposition Association will hold its eighth annual exposition at Winnipeg from July 11 to 18 next, and urges a liberal patronage by manufacturers and dealers of the United States as the best means of bringing American goods to the favorable notice of the people of the domainion.

Disbursements by the Pension Agent. During the past seven days the pension agent in this city disbursed \$1,750,000 to 50,-000 pensioners, 8,000 of whom reside in the District of Columbia. Mr. Penchase of Arlington Hotel, Atlantic City, is at Hotel Johnson with plans, booklets, etc., where engagements may be made, or will call upon inviding visitors, upon notification.—Advt.

A Fight Involving Several Million Dollars.

CLAIM MADE OF A VERBAL AWARD

Arguments Before the Postmaster General.

POLITICAL INFLUENCE

Postmaster Cenera! Smith sat in a judicial caracity yesterday afternoon to hear the arguments in the matter of the contract for furnishing the government with stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers for the next four years. The contract involves an aggregate expenditure of nearly \$3,000,000 and has attracted more attention than any other contract in recent

Refore the bids for the new contract were prepared General Merritt, the third assistant postmaster general, called to the attention of Postmaster General Gary the situation which made it practically impossible for any but a certain combination to participate in the bidding. With the consent of the Postmaster General he drew the specifications in such a way that the bidding was practically thrown open to the envelope makers of this country. This was made possible by inserting a proviso that bidders would be permitted to offer samples of paper, which should at least equal the government sample.

Four years ago the Purcell Paper Company of New York came into the market and gave the Plympton Envelope Company (which, by the way, had had the contract for twenty years previous) a shock by ma-

for twenty years previous) a shock by ma-terially underbidding it. The contract was accordingly awarded to the Purcell Company. After that company had demon-strated its ability to presecute the work and had made 60,000,000 envelopes, the Plympton company had a conference with the new contractors, and made such over-tures that the Purcell company sublet the contract and received a handsome bonus.

contract and received a handsome bonus. But this is ancient history. It gives, however, a brief outline of the situation before the present bids were invited.

When the proposals under consideration were offered it was found the Plympton company had made a combination with the Morgan Envelope Company, under the name "The Plympton-Morgan Envelope Company." It was generally understood, however, that the name was merely one of convenience, since all of the large envelope companies in the country were concerned in the matter and had an interest in the new firm. The opening of the bids showed new firm. The opening of the bids showed many surprises. First of all, the old enemies of the Plympton company underbid all others on envelopes made of paper known as the government standard. Then the bids were several hundred thousand dollars lower than the figures of four years ago, showing the advantages of competi-

After the bids had been scheduled the fight commenced in earnest, and it is safe to say that in the history of the Post Office Department there has been no flercer contention. Politicians whose names are master ones on the political chess board were called in, and the matter reached such importance that it is understood to have formed the subject of a cabinet discussion.
The Purcell company had at the head of ts affairs the famous New York politician "Lou" Payn, and he turned the political machine of New York in favor of his com-

high; the next the Furcell company soared into the realms of prosperity. Postmaster General Gary was overwhelmed with the political showing, and took oc-casion to declare himself in no uncertain terms that he would not be actuated in

awarding the contract by any other influ-ence than that which the best interests of the government dictated. In other words, politics and personal pressure would cut no figure in the matter. Meanwhile the tests were going on and the board of experts was preparing to make its report. Finally was preparing to make its report. Finally after weeks of waiting, Postmaster tieneral Gary announced his decision. He awarded the contract to the Purcell company on the government sample. The letpany on the government sample. The let-ter transmitting the order of award was accordingly written and sent to the Purcell company, followed the next day by contracts in quadruplicate. Two days later, and before the contract had been signed by Postmaster General Gary, he resigned, and Postmaster General Smith found when he assumed the duties of the office the inheritance of a big political struggle. He hesitated about signing the contract. This was most important to the defeated Plymptonmost important to the defeated Plympton-Morgan company, and the mass of influ-ence which had been directed to Postmas-ter General Gary was switched to the new head of the Post Office Department. Other influence came, and a week had not elapsed before the new Postmaster General found himself besieged on all sides, by personal and political friends of the contending companies. He listened attentively to the ar-guments, but did not execute the contract. He undertook to look into the matter nim-He undertook to look into the matter had self, and with characteristic enterprise became informed on all the points affecting the contract. Special inspectors investigated the character of the bidders and the ability of the companies to perform the contract. Having satisfied himself on all these points, he announced to both sides that he would hear arguments if they decided to present any before the decided the decided to the decided the cided to present any before taking final

action. The Hearing. Yesterday was the day agreed upon, and at 3:30 o'clock the forces met for the final struggle. The Plympton and Morgan Company was represented by Mr. R. Ross Perry, while Mr. Jere Wilson essayed the management of the Purcell case. The hearing took place in the office of the Postmaster General, and was attended by Mr. M. S. Chapman of the Plymton, Mor-Mr. M. S. Chapman of the Flymton, Morgan Company and Secretary Henry E. Townsend of the Purcell Company. Assistant Attorney General Tyner and Law Clerk Barrett were also present, and Mr. Merritt, third assistant postmaster gen-eral, under whom the subject directly comes, dropped in and heard some of the

argument
Postmaster General Smith, in opening the hearing, said it was the first time he had ever sat in a judicial capacity, and told the counsel that each would be given ample

opportunity to be heard. Mr. Jere Wilson opened. He referred briefly to the subject, under discussion and then proceeded with an argument tending to prove that the proceedings to prove that the proceedings to prove that to prove that the proceedings were un necessary, since the government already had a contract with the Purcell company, as binding as any contract could be. It was not necessary, he said, to have the signa-ture of the Postmaster General to the contract to make it binding. The notice of award which has been made a part of the public record was sufficient. He cited num-erous authorities which showed where the government had notified a company or per-son of the acceptance of his bid and the award of a contract, the government was bound thereby, and no matter whether it afterward undertook to cancel the award it vas financially responsible, and the aggriev ed party could recover through the Court of Claims. His authorities began with the first report of the Court of Claims and continued down to the present time. He cited particularly the Garfield case, which was

strikingly like the one under consideration.
While Mr. Wilson was arguing along those lines he was interrupted by Mr. Perry, who stated to the surprise of all that his clients agreed with all that. In fact it was upon those very authorities that they relied to prove their case. "Pray tell us how you hope to do that," ray ten us now you nope to do that," said Mr. son.
"By claiming and proving that my clients had a contract, and were given the award at least ten days before the date of your

Mr. Perry's Bomb. This was a bomb. Mr. Wilson hurriedly 29.94; 2 p.m., 29.92.

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conferred with his client, but he could not help him out. Then he said: "Well, if you have, I am not acquainted with all the elements of this case. Show

me the copy of the award." "We have no copy of any award," said Mr. Perry, deliberately. "But we have here three affidavits and two letters from United States senators, which prove that Postmaster General Gary awarded my clients the contract verbally ten days before the award to your company was sent out.

Mr. Wilson smiled and said: "Well, read Mr. Wilson smiled and said: "Well, read the affidavits."

Mr. Perry then proceeded to read affidavits from three members of the firm he represented, each one in substance testifunctions. fying that in conversation with Postmaster General Gary one day the latter said, referring to their paper: "If your paper is as good as the government sample, I will accept it." The test demonstrated the ability of his clients' paper to equal the government sample. Mr. Perry followed this with two letters from Sevetare Lodge and with two letters from Senators Lodge and Hoar, setting forth substantially the con-tention. In his argument Mr. Perry referred to the saving of some \$6,000 a year which would result by the acceptance of his clients' bid, and said this was evidently

Mr. Wilson's Response.

what he said.

Mr. Wilson replied at length. He referred sarcastically to the public spirit displayed by the Plympton company in trying to save ASSOCIATION Cor. 12th & by the Plympton company in trying to save the government \$6,000 a year. For twenty years, however, that company had maintained a monopoly and had wrung from the government millions of dollars in profit. government money it was to his clients, who had, by reason of its bid of four years who had, by reason of its bid of four years ago, saved the government \$1,500,000. That was the kind of public-spirited people to tie to. He ridiculed the argument of a prior award. The affidavits were laughable. award. The almayirs were languages. They all came from the interested parties, while they were belaboring the Postmaster General. It was the veriest folly to suppose that a great department like the Post Office would make a contract verbally. As well permit bidders to submit their proposals orally. Who was there to refute such a contract? The practice of the department provides that there shall be a daily record kept of the orders. There was no record of any such order, and the ab-

sence of it showed it never had been made.

Mr. Perry, in reply, said it was not necessary to have a record of the award. All that was necessary to establish such a case in the Court of Claims was to prove that the conversation really had occurred. He did not understand where the learned judge of evidence had found his law. Mr. Wilson quickly replied he would re-

fer the gentleman to Perry on Pleading. This provoked roars of laughter. During the arguments Postmaster General Smith queried each counsel regarding certain points and showed a thorough familiarity with the subject of the hearing he announced he would take the matter under consideration.

CLOUDY TOXIGHT.

Cooler Weather Tomorrow and Probably Fair. Forecast till 8 p.m. Wednesday-For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Mary-

land, partly cloudy weather tonight, prob-

ably fair Wednesday; cooler weather Wed-

nesday; light westerly winds. For Virginia and North Carolina, occasional showers tonight, partly cloudy weather Wednesday; light southwest to west winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast-The pressure continues high in the east gulf states. The area of low pressure, cen-tral Monday morning in the upper Mississippl valley, has moved eastward to the St Lawrence valley. An area of high pressure has developed on the northern Rocky mountain slope and in the Missouri valley. The barometer has fallen in New England and the lower lake region; it has risen generally throughout the Rocky mountain slope

and the Mississippi valley.

The temperature is lower in the upper Missouri valley and on the southern New England coast, Showers and thunder storms have occurred generally in New England, the Atlantic and gulf states, central valleys, lake re-

gions and occasionally in the Rocky mour ain districts. Atlantic and gulf states tonight. Atlantic and guir states tonight. Clearing and cooler weather is indicated for the Ohio valley and the lower lake region tonight, and for New England and the middle Aclantic states Wednesday.

The following heavy precipitation (in

nches) was reported: During the past twenty-four hours—Ra-leigh, 1.56; Pittsburg, 1.34; Albany, 1.90; Detroit, 1.68; Fort Deposit, Ala., 2.20; Mansfield, La., 2.56; Waynesboro', 2.00; Sa-

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.—Great Falls, temperature, 80; condition, 2; receiving reservoir, temperature, 82; condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 36; distributing reser voir, temperature, 81; condition at influent gate house, 36; effluent gate house, 36. Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 10:40 a.m. and 10:45 p m.; high tide, 3:53 a.m. and 4:31 p.m.
Tomorrow-Low tide, 11:30 a.m. and 11:31
p.m.; high tide, 4:42 a.m. and 5:21 p.m. The Sun and Moon.

Today-Sun rises, 4:34 a.m.; sun sets,

:26 p.m. Moon rises 1:43 a.m. Tomorrow-Sun rises, 4:34 a.m. The City Lights. Gas lamps all lighted by 8:35 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 3:42 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time

Arc lamps lighted at 8:20 p.m.; extinguished at 3:57 a.m. Records for Twenty-Four Hours. The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning at 4 p.m. yes-

June 13-4 p.m., 73; 8 p.m., 76; 12 midnight, 72. June 14—4 a.m., 71; 8 a.m., 76; 12 noon, 85; June 14 - 8. in., 12 p.m. June 14.

Maximum, 89, at 2 p.m. June 14.

Minimum, 70, at 6 a.m. June 14.

The following were the readings of the barometer at the weather bureau for the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 p.m.

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FEELING IN FRANCE. The People Hope America Will Win

in Its War With Spain. Mr. J. N. Jaros of New York, residen partner of Mariani & Co. of Paris, is in the city for the purpose of visiting friends before leaving on his annual trip abroad. Mr. Jaros said to a Star reporter that "an erroneous idea prevails in relation to the feeling of the French people generally to-ward the United States." M. Angelo Mari-ani is unquestionably one of the most prom-

inent semi-public men in France. M. Mariani, in a letter to Mr. Jaros, says:
"We in France who know the United States and its people have but one sincere wish—that the war may soon be ended by a complete victory for Americans, who are fighting for justice and humanity. dent McKinley is highly regarded by country," writes M. Mariani, "and greatest admiration is shown for him and his patriotic course."

CONDENSED LOCALS.

George Grimes, colored, has been con-victed of housebreaking before Justice Bradley in Criminal Court No. 2. He was emanded to jail for sentence. Justice Cole has been reassigned to Cir-cuit Court No. 1 today and Chief Justice Bingham returns to Criminal Court No. 1, which he temporarily left, as he did not wish to try the Canty case.

Mrs. Parsons, wife of Dr. Starr Parsons while riding a bicycle about 5 o'clock yes-terday afternoon, collided with an Eckington horse car near 6th and G streets. He

Robert Crimmut, living at 1506 12th street northeast, while riding his wheel on H street northeast was painfully injured about the face last night in a collision with a wagon. His injuries were dressed at Dr. Brice's drug store.

Detective Gallaher went to Harper's Ferry yesterday and recovered a bicycle that had been hired at L. Newmeyer's store, in this city. The wheel was hired by a young man several days ago. He rode to Har-per's Ferry and sold the hired wheel for \$12.

Explosion of Gas Engine. One of the gas engines in the blacksmith shop at the Washington navy yard exploded about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, severely burning a carpenter named Ross

about the neck and face and singeing off

nearly all his hair. The shop was pretty

badly damaged, but work was not stopped

save temporarily.

Mr. Ross was treated in the navy yard dispensary and then sent home. He will soon be able to return to his work. The explosion was caused by plosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the blower of the engine.

WHILE THE WAR LASTS Maximum, 89, at 2 p.m. June 14.

Minimum, 70, at 6 a.m. June 14.

The following were the readings of the barometer at the weather bureau for the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 p.m. yesterday:

June 18—4 p.m., 29.93; 8 p.m., 29.91; 12 midnight, 29.90.

June 14—4 a.m., 29.90; 8 a.m., 29.95; noon, 29.94; 2 p.m., 29.92, FINANCIAL.

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